

Activity:	Federal Land Acquisition
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Activity Summary

Program Component	2003 Enacted	2004 Enacted	FY 2005			Change From 2004 (+/-)
			Uncontr/ Related Changes	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
Federal Land Acquisition	61,478	31,396 ¹	0	+42,388	73,784	+42,388
Total Requirements	61,478	31,396¹	0	+42,388	73,784	+42,388

Authorization

16 USC 460I-4 to I-11 The Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965
P.L. 104-333 American Battlefield Protection Act of 1996, as amended by P.L. 107-359

FY 2005 Base Program Overview

Using funds appropriated within the **Federal Land Acquisition** budget activity, the NPS acquires land and interests in land to preserve and protect, for public use and enjoyment, the historic, scenic, natural, and recreational values of congressionally authorized areas within the National Park System. This program helps to meet the increasingly heavy visitor demand for Federal recreation areas, conserves outstanding resources for public recreational use before they are converted to incompatible uses, and preserves the Nation's natural and historic heritage.

Performance summary tables are found at the end of this Appropriation.

FY 2003 Program Performance Accomplishments

Many of the acquisitions made in FY 2003 fulfilled common purposes:

- Emphasis on acquisitions at Civil War sites continued:
 - Purchased the Murphy Farm at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park.
 - Acquired the Pemberton Headquarters tract at Vicksburg National Military Park.
 - As part of a joint land protection project with the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation, acquired an historic 142-acre farm at the recently designated Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park.
- Engaged in partnership efforts to protect lands at Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve as part of a multi-agency agreement.
- Continued acquisition of large tracts of land at Gulf Islands National Seashore, Great Sand Dunes National Monument, and Hawaii Volcanoes National Park.
- At Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park in the State of Colorado, purchased from The Conservation Fund a 198.5-acre undeveloped tract in the vicinity of Red Rock Canyon.
- Purchased the 6,753-acre Heartwood Forestland Fund property at New River Gorge National River in West Virginia.

FY 2004 Program Performance

Some of the needs to be addressed in FY 2004 land acquisition include:

- Supporting vital partnership efforts to protect nationally significant resources: includes acquisitions at Big Thicket National Preserve, and Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve (multi-agency agreement)
- Protection of undeveloped land for preservation of significant ecosystems and the protection of threatened natural resources: Gulf Islands National Seashore, Great Sand Dunes National Monument, and Hawaii Volcanoes National Park.

¹ The Congress directed in P.L. 108-108, the FY 2004 appropriation, that \$5 million of previously appropriated funds be transferred to a Fish and Wildlife Service account. The amount shown here as appropriated in FY 2004 reflects that directed transfer.

- Protection of historic resources: Fort Clatsop National Memorial and Valley Forge National Historical Park.

The following table lists the FY 2004 Land Acquisition Program:

Summary of NPS FY 2004 Land Acquisition Program

Program/Park Unit	State(s)	Amount
Emergencies/Hardships	Various	\$1,975
Inholdings/Exchanges	Various	1,975
Civil War Battlefield Preservation Grants	Various	1,975
Big Thicket National Preserve	Texas	3,456
Fort Clatsop National Memorial	Oregon	1,235
Great Sand Dunes National Monument and Preserve	Colorado	1,975
Gulf Islands National Seashore (Cat Island)	Mississippi	3,951
Gulf Islands National Seashore (Horn Island)	Mississippi	1,087
Hawaii Volcanoes National Park	Hawaii	3,951
Ice Age National Scenic Trail	Wisconsin	1,975
Obed Wild and Scenic River	Tennessee	741
Pinelands National Reserve	New Jersey	741
Shenandoah Valley National Historic District	Virginia	988
Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore	Michigan	988
Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve	Florida	494
Tumacacori National Historical Park	Arizona	1,481
Valley Forge National Historical Park	Pennsylvania	4,939
Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve	Alaska	2,469
Transfer to Fish and Wild Service account		-5,000 ²
Total		\$31,396

Justification of FY 2005 Budget Request: Federal Land Acquisition

Request Component	Amount
FY 2004 Program	31,396 ²
Programmatic Changes	
• Land Acquisitions	+42,388
TOTAL, Program Changes	+42,388
Uncontrollable changes	No change
FY 2005 Budget Request	73,784
Net change	+42,388

NPS is proposing \$73.784 million for Federal Land Acquisition in FY 2005. The increase from the 2004 Appropriation reflects (1) emphasis on the acquisition of outstanding mineral interests at Big Cypress National Preserve and (2) the Department's strategy for increasing land conservation activities through partnerships with private groups and local and State governments.

² The Congress directed in P.L 108-108, the FY 2004 appropriation, that \$5 million of previously appropriated funds be transferred to a Fish and Wildlife Service account. The amount is shown here as a reduction to the FY 2004 appropriations.

Following is a listing of the FY 2005 NPS request of land acquisition line items, with their NPS priority rank noted. These proposed acquisitions have two primary aims: protection of undeveloped acreage from incompatible uses, and the preservation of historically significant sites.

- The estimated annual operating costs associated with proposed FY 2005 LWCF acquisitions total \$10.511 million.

Fiscal Year 2005 National Park Service Federal Land Acquisition Program

Priority	Program/Park Unit	State(s)	Acres	Amount
	Emergencies/Hardships		-	\$4,000
	Inholdings/Exchanges		-	4,000
	Civil War Battlefield Sites (Grants)	Various	N/A	5,000
1	Big Cypress National Preserve	Florida	135,960	40,000
5	Big Thicket National Preserve	Texas	2,445	4,541
6	Flight 93 National Memorial	Pennsylvania	250	2,214
2	Fort Clatsop National Memorial	Oregon	1,042	6,250
4	National Capital Parks	D.C.	1	2,479
3	Pinnacles National Monument	California	1,967	5,300
Total			141,665	\$73,784

A more comprehensive table of the FY 2005 NPS Federal Land Acquisition program follows.